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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Appln. of: Bjarne L. Christensen et al.

Appln. No.: 10/536,535

Filed: May 26, 2005

For: CONNECTING PIECE FOR A TUBING

Attorney Docket No: 12706-21

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- ☒ Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; copies of references C94-C145
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
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**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (five sheets), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). References submitted that are not in the English language include an English language abstract or a translation of the entire patent. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's

consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

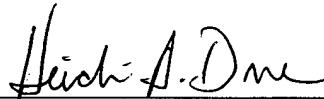
By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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